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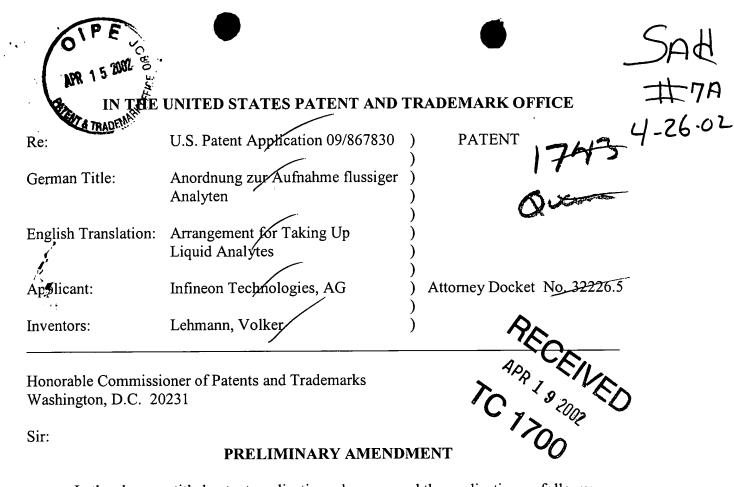
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In the above-entitled patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (amended) Apparatus for taking up liquid analytes, having a microtitre plate with a plurality of wells for taking up an analyte, a plurality of pipettes, by which an analyte can be withdrawn from an associated well, at least one pump, which is coupled to several pipettes in such a way that an analyte can in each case be sucked through an associated pipette by means of the pump, and analytes can be simultaneously sucked out of several wells or introduced into several wells by actuating the pump, having analysis chips for analysing the analyte, one analysis chip being in each case assigned to a well in order to analyse an analyte introduced into the respective well, and in which the surface of at least a part of the analysis chips, which surface comes into contact with the analyte, is designed in such a way that biological material for binding molecules contained in the analyte can be fixed on the surface.